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## MRS. LETITIA FLOYD* TO CAPTAIN BENJAMIN HOWARD PEYTON.

Washington City, March 13, 1829.

Dear Howard—

I designed writing to you some days ago but from the hurry of trifles I have put it off until this time.

I can only say that I wished every friend I have had been present at the Inauguration. Never could I have imagined such a spectacle. The interchange of feeling between the people and President surpassed description. The old Hero was appalled at the majesty of the multitude.

We followed in the train to the Presidents house. Gen[l] Jackson received me kindly—he has offered your Uncle the Government of Arkansas which Dr. Floyd has declined accepting.

Since I came here I became acquainted with Mr. Herst from Louisville, Mrs. M. Popes Lawyer—he tells me Maria refuses to confirm her Mothers sale. Judging you would be glad to get her share in the Tract I told Herst I knew a man that would give her two thousands dollars for her share. I now write to apprise you of the matter. You had best consider of it and I will see Herst this evening and converse with him so as to put the business on such a footing as to enable *you* to get the Land.

I have visited M[rs] Jessup who received me like a sister. How much difficulty false friends occasion poor Marias tale to her notorious Uncle was likely to deprive me of the Friendship of the Clarks, a family I always loved and valued.

Our young Folks went up to see Mary Robinson in the Staunton Hospital. She was entirely composed—very pale and reduced—she was making hair Plaits of her fine long hair which had been cut off, her bosom was full of them. She fastened one on Letitia's wrist and one on Susannas. They continue to wear

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them. Dr Boys says she will be restored in six months. Old Green had been painting—he knew George and enquired about his corn potatoes and walnuts. Wm Peyton has not been well he is going to his Farm near the Warm Springs. Your Uncle was at Court.

I wish sincerely you had been with us to witness the management of this place—So many courtesies—so many greedy applicants—and so many beautiful women.

General Jackson's Cabinet does not give entire satisfaction to his Friends.

I rejoice my Husband has retired before another storm sets in.

Give my sincere love to cousin Agatha, and for yourself accept the best wishes of your

Affectionate Aunt

Letitia Floyd

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## NOTES FROM THE RECORDS OF GREENSVILLE COUNTY.

By MRS. DORA HEDGES GOODWYN.

The General Assembly of Virginia passed an Act in October, 1780, for dividing Brunswick County into two distinct counties, to take effect February 1, 1781, the new county to be called Greensville.

Below are extracts from the first order book of the newly erected County of Greensville, copied by Mrs. Wm. Waller Robertson, of the Joseph Hedges Chapter, D. A. R., of Emporia, Virginia:

At a meeting of the Justices for the County of Greensville at Hicks's Ford on Thursday the twenty second day of February in the Year of our Lord Christ, one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, in the fifth year of the Commonwealth, in pursuance to an Act of Assembly passed at the last session for dividing the County of Brunswick into two distinct Counties. The said Act was produced and read, as also a Commission of the Peace and